

Farmers who appreciate first class pikes are invited to come to Putnam County and buy land on some of our lines of road. Pikes are a blessing to the farmers.

**Poor Human Nature.**

The woman who had succeeded in that rather difficult task—making a boarding house pay—was confiding to a friend some of the tricks of the trade.

"While you must never allow your boarders to get too far behind in their payments, it is also true that you will profit considerably by allowing them a little leeway. So long as you are sure of your money it pays a landlady to have her boarders a week or two behind in their board."

"I don't see that," interrupted her friend.

"Well, I'll tell you," continued the landlady. "When a man owes back board you have him at a certain disadvantage. Not one in a hundred under such circumstances has the nerve at mealtimes to ask for a second helping.—New York Times.

**The Human Lobster.**

The lobster has always appealed to the Englishman as affording a nickname for his fellow Englishman. "Lobster" was a favorite term of abuse among the Elizabethans, though it is only conjectural that an allusion to red faces was conveyed. As signifying a soldier, "lobster" originated in the civil war, being applied to the Round-head cuirassiers, as Clarendon explains, "because of the bright iron shells with which they were covered." Afterward the allusion was transferred to the soldier's red uniform. But that was the "boiled lobster." The "raw lobster" was naturally the man in blue, the policeman. In earlier days we find Grose explaining that "to boil one's lobster" meant for a clergyman to become a soldier.—London Chronicle.

**The Man With the Iron Mask.**

The Man With the Iron Mask was a mysterious French prisoner of state, whose identity has never been satisfactorily established. He was closely confined under the charge of M. de St. Mars at Pignerol in 1679, at Exilles in 1681, at Sainte-Marguerite in 1687 and finally was transferred to the Bastille in 1698, where he died on Nov. 19, 1703, and was buried the following day in the cemetery of St. Paul under the name of Marchiall. Dumas made him a twin brother of Louis XIV.

**Route 7**

Mrs. Belle Edmonds is on the sick list.

There will be preaching at Poplar Springs the 3rd Sunday.

Cousin Mattie Callahan, how are you by now? I would like to see you so I am going to pay you a visit in the near future.

Come on, Nora Odom, with your letters as I like to hear from you as you and mama are cousins.  
MATTIE BENNETT.

**Cookeville**

Dear Herald readers, I would like to join with you all in reading and writing. As I have been left so broken hearted and lonely I thought it would be company for me to read this good little paper, it gives one news from friends and relatives in different

states. Only ten months ago the death angel visited my home and claimed for its victim three loved ones, inside three months, which included my companion, the closest tie of my heart, leaving me with two dear children. May I have the prayers of all you Herald readers for God to give me grace to train them to love and serve Him as their father did.

The Lord has said in His word that he will not tempt us with more than we are able to bear, praise His dear name. I hope to be able at all times to bear every burden, persecution and pain for His sake and finally get home to heaven, to wear the crown he has laid up for me where there'll be no sad partings but all will be joy; peace and love in that beautiful home above.

MRS. E. D. CLINTON.

**Middle Tennessee Educational Association**

The fourth annual session of the Middle Tennessee Educational Association will convene in Nashville, April 13-15. It is hardly necessary to say to the teachers of Middle Tennessee anything about the value of its past sessions, for there were more than 1200 of them present last year, practically all of whom were granted leave of absence with pay, by their Boards.

A program has been arranged that will cover every department of school work. The following speakers will address the general meetings: Governor B. W. Hooper, Mayor Hilary E. House, Edward E. Barthell, President of the Board of Education, all of Nashville; Dr. Herbert L. Willett of the University of Chicago, and probably Gov. Woodrow Wilson.

In addition to the speakers from Middle Tennessee, the sectional meetings will be addressed by the following educators: Dr. H. H. Cherry of Bowling Green State Normal, Miss Mabel Cooper of the Memphis City Schools, Dr. R. M. Shipp, Supt. of Schools of Winchester, Ky., and others of equal note.

Nashville teachers are making every preparation for the entertainment of visitors. Board can be had at a reasonable rate and the railroads will make their usual excursion rates.

Teachers of our county cannot afford to neglect this opportunity of coming in contact with the leaders of their profession. For further information address Prof. J. J. Wright, care of Supt. J. J. Keyes, Nashville, Tenn., or Pres. Jacobs, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

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